

REMARKS

Applicants appreciatively acknowledge the telephone interviews with Examiner Brian Davis on Wednesday, July 8, 2009 and Tuesday, July 14, 2009. During the interview on July 8, Applicants learned that Examiner Davis had recently assumed responsibility for the instant Application and Applicants' Attorney and the Examiner agreed to speak again on July 14 after the Examiner had had an opportunity to at least review the prosecution history of the Application. During the interview on Tuesday, July 14, 2009, Examiner Davis explained that he wanted to do his own search of the related art, but, based on the record in the case, he believed that the Application was allowable in its current form.

The instant invention is directed to a process for the production of an acetylenically-unsaturated alcohol, preferably dehydrolinalool, which process comprises reacting, preferably at a temperature of from about 0-to-about 40°C, more preferably from about room temperature-to-about 35°C, and a pressure of from about 5-to-about 20 bar, depending on the temperature, in order to maintain the ammonia in a liquefied state, and preferably in a continuous manner, a carbonyl compound selected from methyl ethyl ketone, methylglyoxal dimethylacetal, 6-methyl-5-hepten-2-one, 6-methyl-5-octen-2-one, hexahydropseudoionone, 4-(2,6,6-trimethyl-1-cyclohexen-1-yl)-3-buten-2-one and 6,10,14-trimethyl-2-pentadecanone, preferably 6-methyl-5-hepten-2-one, with acetylene, preferably in a molar ratio of acetylene-to-carbonyl compound of from about 2:1-to-about 6:1, in the presence of ammonia, preferably in a molar ratio of ammonia-to-carbonyl compound of from about 8:1-to-about 35:1, more preferably from about 10:1-to-about 30:1, and, in an aqueous solution, an alkali metal hydroxide, preferably potassium hydroxide, and preferably in a molar ratio of alkali metal hydroxide-to-carbonyl compound of less than 1:200, more preferably 1:500-to-1:200, most preferably 1:300-to-1:220.


Claims 1-31 are pending in the instant Application and believed allowable based on the Examiner's representations during a telephone interview of July 14.

SUMMARY

Pending the Examiner's satisfaction with the results of his independent search and further consideration, and based on the Examiner's representations, Applicants earnestly solicit the favorable issuance of a Notice of Allowance of the instant Application. If any remaining matters need to be resolved, however, Applicants respectfully request a further telephone interview with the Examiner prior to any adverse action being issued by the Office, in order to facilitate resolution of such matters and issuance of a Patent based on the present Application. The undersigned attorney may be contacted at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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